



# Indiana Department of Education

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Indiana School Superintendents and Principals

**FROM:** Michele Walker, Director of Student Assessment

**SUBJECT:** ISTEP+ Spring Workshops

**DATE:** March 27, 2008

In an effort to communicate about the changes in assessment for the 2008-2009 school year, we are sponsoring ISTEP+ spring workshops. The following message was sent via the ISTEP+ ListServ yesterday. You are welcome to send representatives from your school corporation—please see below for details.

In 2008-2009, Indiana will see many changes in assessment! You are invited to join us at one of our Spring 2008 workshops to learn about the new assessment system. (Please see sign-up information below.)

***“Assessment in Indiana: Past, Present and Future”*** will be presented in 12 Indiana locations...

DATE	<u>A.M. Workshop</u>	<u>P.M. Workshop</u>
	8:00 Registration 8:30 – 10:30 Sessions	1:00 Registration 1:30 – 3:30 Sessions
April 14	Ivy Tech – Terre Haute 7999 S. US 41 Terre Haute	Convention Center 715 Locust Avenue Evansville
April 15	Clarksville Holiday Inn 505 Marriott Drive Clarksville	Seasons Lodge 560 State Road 46 E Nashville
April 21	Primo West 2353 E. Hadley Plainfield	Primo South 2615 National Avenue Indianapolis
April 29	Holiday Inn North 3850 Depauw Blvd. Indianapolis	Best Western Lafayette 4343 State Road 26 E Lafayette
April 30		La Porte Civic Auditorium 1001 Ridge Street La Porte
May 5	Horizon Convention Center 401 S. High Street Muncie	Grand Wayne Center 120 W. Jefferson Blvd Fort Wayne
May 6	Century Center 120 S. Saint Joseph Street South Bend	

These workshops will focus on the details of the new assessment system, item development, and the relationship between classroom instruction and assessment. Four breakout sessions will focus on content areas:

- elementary mathematics
- secondary mathematics
- elementary English/language arts
- secondary English/language arts

A fifth breakout session (ideal for administrators and guidance counselors) will focus on concerns and updated information regarding the new assessments, including social studies, science, and the new GQE requirement.

**Due to space limitations, the initial sign-up is limited to a team of five (5) individuals from each school corporation.** Each member of the team must be registered for a different breakout session. Participants could include teachers, administrators, curriculum coordinators, or department chairs. One week from the workshop date, any spaces not filled will be made available for corporations to register additional participants.

**Sign-up is now open!** Please click on the appropriate link below to reserve your seats! Just a reminder—to use DOE Online (when signing up for the ISTEP+ workshops), you will need your **Corporation Number and PIN** (School Number and PIN for nonpublic schools).

*Also, once you sign up for a workshop date, the system will not allow you to change the date. So please be certain of your choice when you select a workshop date.*

**Public Link:**

<https://dc.doe.state.in.us/DOEOnline/Main.aspx?pageid=24>

**Non-Public Link:**

<https://dc.doe.state.in.us/DOEOnline/Main.aspx?pageid=41>

For your convenience, this information can also be found on the *ISTEP+ Info Center* and in the *Test Coordinator's Corner*.

If you have questions, please contact Colin Riessen by calling 317-234-5595 or via email [criessen@doe.in.gov](mailto:criessen@doe.in.gov). We look forward to seeing you at one of our workshops!